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SUBJ: ESCAPE FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS CITY JAIL BY AMERICAN PRISONERS

1. CONOFF, WHO ARRIVED PIEDRAS NEGRAS YESTERDAY EVENING ON ROUTINE PRISON VISITATION, INFORMED US THAT THERE WAS MASS ESCAPE FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS CITY JAIL.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 A.M. MARCH 11 SEVERAL ARMED MASKED PERSONS ENTERED CITY JAIL AND FORCED GUARDS RELEASE 16 RPT 16 PRISONERS THERE. REPORTS CONFLICT ON WHETHER SHOTS WERE FIRED, BUT ALL REPORTS AGREE THAT THERE WERE NO RPT NO SERIOUS INJURIES. OF TOTAL WHO ESCAPED, 11 RPT 11 WERE AMERICAN CITIZEN PRISONERS. ALL 16 PRISONERS REPORTEDLY LEFT SCENE IN TWO CARS.

3. WE CHEKED WITH INS EAGLE PASS WHO STATED THAT ESCAPEES DID NOT ENTER EAGLE PASS BY BRIDGE, BUT SOME APPARENTLY CROSSED RIO GRANDE. WE THEN CALLED COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT EAGLE PASS. DEPUTY SHERIFF SALINAS STATED THAT 6 RPT 6 AMERICANS WERE PICKED UP NEAR RIVER EARLY MORNING MARCH 11 BY CITY POLICE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND BORDER PATROL. NO LOCAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN PREFERRED, BUT THEY ARE BEING HELD PENDING INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE OUTSTANDING WARRANTS ELSEWHERE IN U.S. THOSE 6 AMERICANS ARE (1) CHENOWETH, DALE; (2) GARAFOLA, JEFF; (2) JORGENSEN, KARI; (4) NESENSEN, PAUL; (5) YRUEGAS, PASCUAL NARVAEZ; (6) ROGERS, JAMES WALTER. SEPTELS ON THESE SIX ESCAPED AMERICAN PRISONERS
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WILL FOLLOW TO CLOSE CASES.

4. NAMES OF OTHER FIVE AMERICANS WHO ALSO ESCAPED FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS CITY JAIL, BUT WHO ARE NOT YET ACCOUNTED FOR ARE: (1) DAVIS, BLAKE; (2) DUNLAP, DAVID; (3) HULING, SANDRA JEAN; (4) MCMILLAN, TREVOR; (5) WILSON, JOSEPH ARDEN.

5. THERE ARE TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS REMAINING AT PIEDRAS NEGRAS CITY JAIL. THEY ARE ABEL MESTA, WHO WAS IN REAR CELL AND DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ESCAPE, AND BRAND-NEW AMERICAN PRISONER JUST DETAINED ON DRUG CHARGE WHOM WE WILL REPORT BY CABLE TOMORROW.

6. MORE INFORMATION ON ESCAPE WILL FOLLOW AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND IS CONFIRMED.

7. THE TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS AT PIEDRAS NEGRAS PENITENTIARY WERE NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED BY ESCAPE.
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